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Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park

Alaska

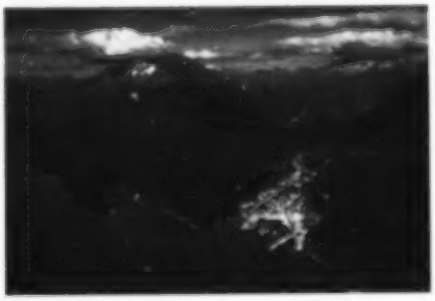
The Project
Restore and rehabilitate 13 historic structures within the Skagway Historic District so that their exteriors can be interpreted to the visiting public and their interiors can be adapted for use by commercial businesses or the National Park Service.

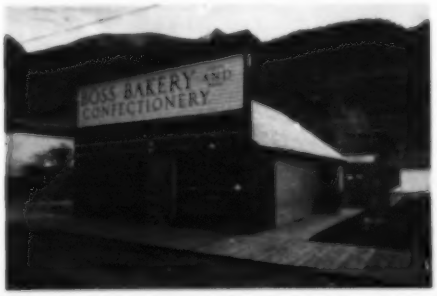
The Sites
The sites include various properties in the historic district of Skagway, Alaska – the town that was the middle link in the route from Seattle, Washington, to the goldfields of the Yukon Territory. The 13 structures range in size from the 300-square-foot cabin of Captain William Moore to the 12,000-square-foot White Pass and Yukon Route Broadway Depot and Administration Building.

The Design
Work has involved installing new foundations, installing new mechanical, electrical, and fire suppression systems, and restoring the exteriors. The depot and administration building was the first structure to be restored (in 1984) and it now functions as the park visitor center and headquarters. Work on the Moore cabin was completed in 1987 in time for the building's 100th anniversary.

Nine of the structures are proposed for lease to the private sector. Work on three of them was completed in 1987, and they are open for business. The historic confectionery shop is now a jewelry store, the tailor and furrier shop is the home of the *Skagway News*, and the boss bakery is a barber shop. The Mascot Saloon group (Mascot Saloon, Pacific Clipper Office, and Hern Liquor Store) is now being restored, and in early 1989 two of these buildings will be leased.

This major restoration and leasing project is now at the midpoint in its 15-year, $8 million construction schedule.





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